

HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

JUNE 23, 2008

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Board met on Monday, June 23, 2008 in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. President Belden called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present of Christine Altman, Jim Belden, Steven C. Dillinger, John Ditslear, and Steven A. Holt. Dan Henke and Charlie White were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Ditslear motioned to approve the minutes of May 27, 2008. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Work Crew Agreement and Waiver of Liability

Steve Wood has sent the Probation Department's Work Crew Agreement and Waiver of Liability form to Mike Howard for his review. Holt motioned to authorize Jim Belden, as President, to execute the agreement upon approval of the attorney. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Back Lot Paving Project

Wood has received quotes for the back lot paving project. The costs are based on the county highway department's material cost.

Option 1 - \$71,264.00

Option 2 - \$89,515.02

Wood stated Option 2 will pave areas 4 and 5 for the 4-H Fair parking and area 2 behind the animal shelter building. This will help with parking and hauling of materials for the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Center. Belden asked if Option 2 is chosen and expansion is necessary in the future, would we lose money? Wood stated no, if a steel structure was built they would build it on top of the asphalt. Belden motioned to approve Option 2. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2009 Budget

Wood presented the 2009 Budget for review. Two budgets were prepared; 1) HHW stays with Health Department - \$828,365.36. 2) HHW becomes a stand alone department - \$838,524.36. Wood stated he has met with Barry McNulty, and the Auditor to discuss becoming a stand alone department. Wood requested this decision be tabled until the July meeting to have additional time to gather more information. Wood recommended the HHW Center stay under the health department at this time. Altman stated she does not agree, if we are going to cut away lets just do it. Belden stated he has discussed the advantages and disadvantages with McNulty and Wood and he does not see any advantages to breaking away from the health department. He does not see any disadvantages with staying with the health department. They team well together; he does not see the purpose. Altman stated she is more concerned about what the State might do as they go through restructuring. She would rather be independent at this point and deal with it later if they restructure things on their quest to simplify government. Belden asked if other counties have their HHW Center under the health department? Wood stated to his knowledge we are the only county that operates this way. Belden asked what can the State do? Altman stated she does not know what they are going to do with consolidation.

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Altman stated it is anticipated by statute that we are a stand alone entity and this should not be so complicated to pull apart the two budgets. Robin Mills stated this discussion started with the Personnel Committee and if HHW becomes their own stand alone entity they will still have to go through the Personnel Committee for employees. Altman stated there is a layer with the Health Department that can deny a request for a new employee, which is not appropriate. Kim Rauch stated we can advertise at the higher amount, the main issue is having to go through the Personnel Committee and Solid Waste would still have to follow the county handbook in order to maintain county benefits; they would still need to appear before the Personnel Committee. Altman stated but the Solid Waste Board would be presenting it, not the Health Department. Mills recommended advertising as a stand alone at the higher amount and then the budget could be cut if they stay within the health department. Holt motioned to advertise the 2009 Budget in the amount of \$838,524.36. Ditslear seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Belden stated he was unable to attend the Personnel Committee meeting and disagrees with what was said in as much as if the Auditor came to the Personnel Committee and the State mandates a new function and the Auditor does not have the staff to perform the new function the county council is going to hire a new person. The Solid Waste District has continued to offer increased services every year. It is amazing how we have grown with our accomplishments and to say we are unable to hire and there is no additional money when the need of services to this county is being increased, he is opposed. Altman asked if the point is if the policy is no new hires but the need is there you will hire them anyway? Belden stated yes, in his opinion for services demanded by the State and when a department can't handle it, then we will hire.

Wood stated the HHW Center has been busy. By the end of September they will be accepting Freon contained equipment on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They eventually will build up to taking them everyday.

Ditslear motioned to adjourn. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present

Christine Altman, County Commissioner

Jim Belden, County Councilor

John Ditslear, Mayor of Noblesville

Steven A. Holt, County Commissioner

Robin M. Mills, Auditor

Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

Steve Wood, HHW Director